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Honorable Harry Johnston, M.C.  
Member, House of Representatives  
1501 Corporate Drive, Suite 250  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33426

Dear Congressman Johnston:

This is in reply to your letter of February 22, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Robert B. Jones, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning

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Respond to the Boynton Beach, FL office.

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14TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA  
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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 22, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim  
Director  
Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW Room 808  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO  
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The attached letter was recently received in my office and is forwarded to you for your consideration.

I would appreciate your assistance in this matter, and I welcome any comments you might be able to provide that would help me in formulating a response to my constituent's inquiry.

The Honorable Harry Johnston  
204 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Johnston,

I am retired, active in local government and Past President of the Condor's Radio Control Flying Club of Coral Springs, a 430 member group, and operate radio controlled aircraft of advanced design four days per week.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. We share this band with private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band with either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

I have seven transmitter/receiver systems within the 50 frequencies, eight aircraft ranging from medium size to one aircraft model having a 8.5 foot wing, weighing 38 pounds. At our airfield, we have planes with 10 foot wings, weighing 40 lbs and fighter jet models that can fly at speeds close to 200 miles per hour. Our club has flight demonstrations, shows and contests, open to the public that often enjoy up to 3000 spectators. Clubs in West Palm Beach and Broward county have the same concerns.

When we fly our model airplanes, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions

~~include the careful coordination of the use of the radio control frequencies. If the number~~